

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:
a water reservoir;
an extraction head;
a chamber having a ~~predetermined~~ volume connected to said reservoir for being filled with water from the reservoir and for delivering water to the extraction head;
a conduit for conveying the water from said chamber to the extraction head;
a piston in the chamber for emptying water from said chamber;
a compressed-gas reservoir and a valve ~~for~~ selectively allowing compressed gas to displace the piston so as to empty the chamber of water and ~~for~~ restoring atmospheric pressure in the volume of the chamber for filling of said volume from the reservoir.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 10 and 1000 cc.

Claim 3 (canceled):

Claim 4 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber is filled with water by gravitation means.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the gas is chosen from the group consisting of air, CO₂ and nitrogen monoxide.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction head is a head for pre-measured filter-paper capsules.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the water reservoir is a thermally-insulated hot-water reservoir.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a heating system surrounding the chamber.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a heating system between the chamber and the extraction head.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a substantially cylindrical shape.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 50 and 150 cc.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~the means for~~ filling said chamber with water are done by mechanical means.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extraction head is a head for sealed capsules.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A device for preparing a beverage, comprising:
a water reservoir;
an extraction head;
a chamber having a ~~predetermined~~ volume coupled to said reservoir;
a conduit conveying the water from said chamber to the extraction head;
a piston in the chamber for emptying water from said chamber;
a compressed-gas reservoir and a three-way valve ~~for~~ allowing compressed gas to displace the piston so as to empty the chamber of water and ~~for~~ restoring atmospheric pressure in the volume of the chamber for filling of said volume from the reservoir.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber has a volume of between 10 and 1000 cc.

Claim 16 (canceled):

Claim 17 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber is filled with water by gravitation means.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the gas is chosen from the group consisting of air, CO₂ and nitrogen monoxide.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the extraction head is a head for pre-measured filter-paper capsules or sealed capsules.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the water reservoir is a thermally-insulated hot-water reservoir.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, comprising a heating system surrounding the chamber.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, comprising a heating system between the chamber and the extraction head.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chamber has a substantially cylindrical shape.